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***Response to Reply Brief***

The Reply Brief filed on July 21, 2003 has been entered and considered. No further response by the primary examiner is regarded as necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Inquiries concerning this communication should be directed to Dr. Geoffrey Akers whose telephone number is 703-306-5844. The primary examiner can be reached Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the primary examiner are unsuccessful, the primary examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin, SPE can be reached at 703-308-1065.

  
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